

*Union Baptist Association*

# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SIXTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

## Union Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Forest Baptist Church, Pickens County, Ala.,

October 1, 2 and 3, 1895.

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### OFFICERS.

ELDER H. B. CHAPPELL, MODERATOR.....	Dillburgh, Ala.
ELDER M. G. LOFTON, CLERK.....	Archer, "

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The next session will be held with Kennedy Church, Lamar County, Ala., commencing on Tuesday before the first Sunday in September, 1896.

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# NAMES OF BAPTIST MINISTERS IN THIS ASSOCIATION, WITH THEIR POST-OFFICES.

D. O. BAIRD.....	Ccalfire, Pickens County, Alabama.			
J. A. ESTES.....	"	"	"	"
H. B. CHAPPELL.....	Dillburgh,	"	"	"
J. S. WOOTEN*.....	Gentry, Lamar	"	"	"
O. E. WOOTEN.....	"	"	"	"
W. J. BEATY.....	Kennedy,	"	"	"
J. P. LEE.....	Gregory, Pickens	"	"	"
M. G. LOFTON.....	Archer,	"	"	"
J. S. SHIRLEY.....	Raleigh,	"	"	"
J. G. THORNTON.....	Olney,	"	"	"
J. B. SMALL.....	Carrollton.	"	"	"
J. D. HAMNER.....	Romulus, Tuscaloosa County,	"	"	"
J. H. M. ANDERS.....	"	"	"	"
J. D. RAY*.....	Boom,	"	"	"
J. L. RAY.....	"	"	"	"
G. W. KERR.....	Reform, Pickens	"	"	"

Ordained Ministers.....	14
*Licentiates.....	2

# PROCEEDINGS.

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FOREST CHURCH, October 1, 1895.

The Union Association met in its sixtieth annual session, and at 10 o'clock a. m. was called to order, and Eld. H. B. Chappell was chosen temporary chairman.

The Moderator having read Psalm 34, the invocation was led by Eld. J. B. Small.

The program presented by the committee, W. G. Robertson and I. M. Noland, was adopted.

Letters were read and the following names of delegates enrolled :

## FIRST DISTRICT.

Bethlehem—Dr. D. O. Baird, J. A. Hamilton.  
Liberty—Not represented.  
Mt. Pleasant—J. S. Free, H. T. Beaty.  
Fellowship—J. C. B. Johnson.  
Spring Hill—L. J. L. McCullough, J. L. Wooten, L. C. Coleman.  
Mill Port—J. F. Pearson, G. S. Keenam.  
Kennedy—C. V. Pate.  
New Salem—W. A. Estes, J. H. Doughty, J. F. Pratt.  
Pleasant Grove—Not represented.

## SECOND DISTRICT.

Arbor Springs—T. S. Wilkins, J. A. Richardson.  
Mineral Springs—J. T. McShan, E. B. Foster, R. J. O'Bryant.  
Hebron—J. A. Pearson.  
Big Creek—H. B. Chappelle, Sr.  
McBee—Not represented.  
Cross Roads—J. S. Adams.  
Oak Ridge—Not represented.  
Spring Hill (Pickens Co.)—J. P. Lee, Eddie Ferguson, M. G. Lofton.  
Hickory Grove—J. M. Gentry.

## THIRD DISTRICT.

Pickensville—E. P. Ezelle, T. P. Chapman.  
Carrollton—J. B. Small, W. G. Robertson, M. B. Curry.  
Unity—James Stapp, W. P. Peden, W. W. Maughan.  
Ebenezer—A. P. Weemes, J. A. McDaniel, A. I. Brown.  
Mt. Zion—J. T. Craft, John Sherrod, J. W. Colvin.  
Enon—C. W. Fort.  
Prairie—C. Upchurch, M. A. Hales.

## FOURTH DISTRICT.

Beulah—S. S. Thornton.  
Bethel—Wm. Barton, J. P. Park.  
New Hope—J. J. Cameron, J. P. Barnett.  
Forest—John Upchurch, J. H. Sanders, J. M. Goodson.  
Zion—G. H. Pate.  
Shiloh—J. D. Ray.  
Chalcedony—John C. Burroughs, J. R. Strickland.  
Grant's Creek—H. G. Mitchell.

H. B. Chappelle was chosen Moderator and M. G. Lofton Clerk.

After a recess the introductory sermon was preached by Eld. J. H. Curry, of North Port.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

After a service of song, and prayer by Dr. D. O. Baird, the Association took up Miscellaneous Business.

Petitionary letters from Hickory Grove and Flat Woods were referred to committee on Documents.

On a call for correspondence, the following brethren presented themselves from their respective bodies and were warmly welcomed by the Moderator :

Eld. J. H. Curry, representing Tuscaloosa Association, Orphanage and State Mission Board; Eld. J. B. Small, representing the Sunday School Board, Foreign Mission Journal and Alabama Baptist.

Visiting brethren were then invited to seats.

The reports of District Meetings were ordered to be entered in the Minutes.

#### REPORTS OF DISTRICT MEETINGS.

##### FIRST DISTRICT.

The next District Meeting of the First District will be held with Spring Hill Baptist Church, Lamar County, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in August.

Introductory Sermon by G. W. Kerr; Alternate, O. E. Wooten.

Missionary Sermon by J. A. Ester; Alternate, D. O. Baird.

Query 1. "Should the Church tolerate worldly amusements?" By W. J. Beaty.

Query 2. "What should be done with a member of the Church who promises to help support his pastor and fails to do it?" By D. O. Baird.

Query 3. "The importance of a Sunday School in each Church." By J. B. Hodo.

Query 4. "Is it right for a deacon to open his doors to any worldly amusements?" By W. J. Beaty.

J. B. HODO, Moderator.

J. F. PEARSON, Secretary.

##### SECOND DISTRICT.

The union meeting of the Second District of Union Association will convene with the Baptist Church at Spring Hill, Pickens county, on Saturday before the fourth Sabbath in July, 1896.

Introductory sermon by Eld. H. B. Chappelle; Alternate, J. P. Lee.

Missionary sermon by Eld. J. P. Lee; Alternate, M. G. Lofton.

Query 1. "How is a man to know right from wrong when he is totally depraved?" Opened by Bro. T. P. Harper.

Query 2. "Should a Christian engage in any occupation that is prohibited in God's Word?" Opened by Bro. J. A. Pearson.

Query 3. "What does Christ teach in Math. 5:48?"

Query 4. "How can the Gospel be not the power of God unto salvation, except through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ?" Opened by Eld. M. G. Lofton.

Query 5. "The importance of a religious newspaper in each family." Opened by Eld. J. P. Lee.

## ESSAYS.

Essay 1. "How is this world to be brought to Christ?" By Bro. John L. Harper.

Essay 2 "The importance of the temperance or prohibition question to the Church as well as the State." By Bro. M. G. Lofton.

J. P. LEE, Moderator.

JNO. A. PEARSON, Clerk.

## THIRD DISTRICT.

The next session will be held with Pickensville Church, commencing on Saturday before the second Sunday in August, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Introductory sermon by Eld. J. P. Lee; Alternate, Eld. M. G. Lofton.

Missionary sermon by Eld. J. B. Small

Query 1. "What is it to run the office of a deacon well?" By M. L. Stansel.

Query 2. "Is giving to missions a means of grace? If so, what should be done with members who fail to give?" By Thos. H. Sanders.

Query 3. "What are the benefits of a weekly prayer meeting to the church?" By Thos. Craft.

Query 4. "Is baptism essential to salvation?" By W. C. Mayes

Query 5. "Should female members be permitted to exercise in public worship?" By John White.

Query 6. "What is the design of the Lord's Supper?" By E. P. Ezelle.

Query 7. "What is the meaning of verses 4-6 of 6th chapter of Hebrews?" By M. B. Curry.

Query 8. "What are the benefits to be derived from a religious newspaper in the family?" By C. W. Free.

Essay 1. "The rewards of missionary labors." By Miss Angie Hildreth.

## FOURTH DISTRICT.

The next session to be held with Bethel Church, commencing on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in August, 1896.

Introductory sermon to be preached by Eld. James G. Thornton; Alternate, J. H. McAnders.

Missionary sermon preached by J. D. Hamner; Alternate, J. L. Ray.

Query 1. "Is baptism necessary to salvation?" Opened by Bro. G. W. Edwards.

Query 2. "What is it to run the office of a deacon well?" Opened by Bro. A. J. Leavell.

Query 3. "What special benefit is derived from union meetings?" Opened by Bro. H. G. Michell.

Query 4. "What do we understand by the Scripture, If the eating of meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no more meat while the world stands?" Opened by Bro. James D. Ray.

Essay 1. "The sin of the world; what is it?" By S. S. Thornton.

J. T. BARNETT, Moderator.

J. L. RAY, Secretary.

The report of the committee on Temperance, I. C. Teer, chairman, being read, after much profitable discussion, was adopted.

## REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on Temperance beg leave to report the following:

One of the greatest evils of modern civilization is the saloon. Drinking and drunkenness are bad enough, but an institution devoted to encouraging drinking habits and concentrating the evil effects of inebriety is much worse. Nations of other ages have been cursed and ruined by strong drink; what then shall the great States of to-day expect when strong drink is made a source of public revenue, and when a licensed and powerful institution is supported for the besotting of the people? The educational power of the

saloon is very great. Talk of correcting the drink evil by moral suasion only, for it leaves out of consideration the tremendous power of immoral suasion of the saloon. The saloon is open all the time; its life depends upon the creation of fresh patronage, and it influences a constantly shifting class of people. The church and the school are open part of the time, and their lessons are repeated over and over to the same persons. The history of the last twenty years on temperance work indicates plainly that the saloons will get men started into drinking habits faster than lectures can persuade them to sign the pledge. During this period the consumption per capita of distilled spirits and wines has remained practically stationary, while that of malt liquors has increased amazingly. In the United States the consumption of beer has increased since 1840, 1,675 per cent.; of wines, 400 per cent., and of ardent spirits over 200 per cent. During the same period the population increased about 217 per cent. Such facts demonstrate the inefficiency of the common methods in use in fighting the saloon. There is another standpoint from which to reckon the power of the saloon, that is from the force engaged in the liquor traffic. In 1890 there were in the United States 1,466 rectifiers, 189,002 retail dealers, 4,416 wholesale dealers, 2,156 brewers, 107,798 retail dealers in malt liquors, a total of 308,798. The liquor traffic and power has the country by the throat. Legislatures are under its control. Many times the judge upon the bench and the solicitor for the State are its servants, grand juries and sheriffs are its faithful allies. It dictates candidates and elects them. It is intrenched behind statutes which make it the pet of the nation. With twenty names upon a petition it can set up its infamous business in the midst of a thousand opposers. The partial investigation allowed in some of the States show that fully 84 per cent. of the crimes committed are due to liquor. Then probably 75 per cent. of the cost of courts is chargeable to the same cause; and who will undertake to estimate the wretchedness of the ruined homes, the pauperism, insanity and self murders which are directly traceable to the liquor curse? How long, O Lord, how long will the people keep silent!

Respectfully submitted,

I. TEER, Ch'm.

The following temporary committees were appointed by the chair:

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—J. B. Small, C. V. Pate, J. C. B. Johnson.

On Documents—J. P. Barnett, J. D. Ray, C. W. Fort

On Nominations—W. G. Robertson, J. A. Pearson, M. A. Hales.

On Apportionment—Dr. D. O. Baird, J. J. Cameron, J. S. Free.

On Finance—M. B. Curry, J. F. Pearson, John Upchurch.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion the Moderator was requested to add four to the committee on Apportionment. In accordance with which E. Ferguson, J. P. Barnett, J. A. Pearson and W. W. Maughan were added to that committee.

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2ND.

At 9 o'clock a. m. the Association engaged in devotional exercises, W. P. Peden leading in prayer.

Returned correspondence as follows: On motion, any brother bearing a copy of our minutes shall be an accredited delegate from this body. To the Southern Baptist Convention—Elder J. B. Small. To the State Convention—J. B. Small, Dr. D. O. Baird.

The report on Missions was read, and after very interesting discussion, was adopted.

#### REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Your committee beg leave to report that in their opinion no greater cause exists on earth, than that of missions.

It is the means appointed by our Lord and Master Jesus Christ for the salvation of the world.

Almost the last words of our blessed Lord were to go—"Go unto all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. And just as long as that command remains upon the statute books, we must aid in some way or other the mission cause.

Our state, our country, our world, each and all, are crying unto us for help.

We must awake from our lethargy, send and be sent, so that the destitute, the ignorant age—all the world—may know that Jesus died for all.

We have encouraging reports from almost every field. They are eager for the gospel. "And shall we, the lamp of life, deny" to the perishing around us that are groping in darkness?

God forbid; let us be up and doing, offer ourselves as living sacrifices upon God's altar, and not only ourselves, but all that we have and are.

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. THORNTON.

Pending recess, the committee on preaching—C. Upchurch, chairman—reported that Elder D. O. Baird would preach on Temperance at 11 o'clock a. m. Thursday.

After a recess of ten minutes the Association reassembled and Elder J. H. Curry preached the missionary sermon, at the close of which a collection was taken amounting to \$10 52.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:30 p. m. the meeting reconvened and engaged in devotional exercises; prayer by Bro. W. G. Robertson.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

A resolution was introduced by Dr. D. O. Baird, which, on motion, was made the special order for miscellaneous business at the close of to-day's session.

On motion, the Moderator was requested to make the Orphans' Home a subject for a standing committee, and Elder J. H. Curry was given time to speak on that subject. Collection for Orphans' Home, \$6.05.

On motion, the order of business was suspended to hear the report on Documents to the committee on which was referred the petitionary letters of Hickory Grove and Flat Woods churches. The report was adopted.

#### REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

Your committee on Documents beg leave to report: From the letters of the various churches we find that many of them have had precious revivals and a number of souls have been brought to a saving knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ. And we find that there is a considerable increase in

the membership of the Union Baptist Association since the last report, which will be given by the clerk under its proper heading. In regard to Hickory Grove church, we recommend that it be received into full fellowship of the Union Baptist Association and be assigned to the second district. We recommend that as Flat Woods church has no letter of dismission that we postpone that until the next meeting of this body.

J. P. BARNETT, }  
C. W. FORT, } Committee.  
J. D. RAY, }

Elder J. B. Small made a report on Education, which, after lengthy discussion, was received and ordered entered in the minutes.

#### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee beg leave to report that we are really glad and thankful, too, to say that this great enterprise is on the upward tendency. Schools are being instituted in the smaller towns and even in some rural districts. Our denominational schools are doing a grand work in fitting young men and women for the business of life. We have one young man, G. W. Kerr, now in Howard College, who asks the aid of this body to assist him in procuring a theological education; and we recommend that the Association adopt him. We further recommend our denominational schools as the best places for the education of our children.

J. B. SMALL,  
Chairman.

The report on Bible and Colportage was presented by Bro. J. T. McShan, and, after receiving due attention, was amended and the report as amended was adopted.

There was no report on Preparatory School.

Under the head of Miscellaneous Business, Elder J. H. Curry was requested to furnish the introductory sermon, preached by himself, to the Alabama Baptist for publication.

On motion of M. B. Curry the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Moderator appoint three committees to report at the next session of the Association, to-wit: One on State Missions, one on Home Missions, and one on Foreign Missions.

#### THURSDAY.

Devotional exercises. Prayer by Brother H. T. Beaty.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The referred resolution, on motion of the author, was, at this hour, indefinitely postponed.

On motion, the following Committee on Preparatory School was appointed: Dr. D. O. Baird, W. G. Robertson, John Sherrod.

Elder H. B. Chappelle read report on Sunday Schools, which was adopted. A motion to reconsider was carried. The time being out, on motion, Elders J. P. Lee and J. B. Small were granted further time for the discussion of the subject of Sunday Schools, which was occupied much to the delight and instruction of the Association.

No committee on Publications having been appointed, on motion adopted report of last year.

#### REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee on Publications beg leave to make the following report: That we find our papers and periodicals much neglected, especially by members of our denomination. We therefore recommend our State paper, the Alabama Baptist, the Mission Journal, and S. S. Convention Series to be used in our homes and Sunday Schools.

We further recommend vigilance on the part of every professor of Christianity, in keeping out all spurious and trashy literature from our homes, schools, and churches.

After a short recess Elder D. O. Baird entertained the Association with an instructive sermon on Temperance, using as a text Proverbs 14th chapter 12th verse.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Elder J. L. Ray led the invocation. Nothing was done under the head of Miscellaneous Business.

On motion, after hearing the report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons read, the report was adopted.

#### DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Your committee beg leave to report, that since we last met we have sustained, by death, the serious loss of two of our most worthy and honored ministers of the gospel; Rev. R. B. Wilkins, of Liberty church, and J. M. Land, of Spring Hill, Pickens; also, Brethren John Green, a Deacon of Spring Hill church, Lamar; A. F. Nichols and Burt Upchurch, of Carrollton church, and Brother Jos. Holloman, of Unity church. We have been unable to obtain any data of their births or deaths. We tender to the families of our sacred dead our sympathies, and pray that the God of Heaven may shield them.

J. B. SMALL, Chairman.

The Moderator read the following Standing Committees :

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

State Missions—W. J. Beaty, John Heritage E. B. Foster.

Home Missions—M. B. Curry, J. L. McCullough, R. J. O'Bryant.

Foreign Missions—W. G. Robertson, H. G. Mitchell, J. R. Strickland.

Sunday Schools—W. P. Peden, H. T. Beaty, W. A. Estes.

Publications—M. G. Lofton, G. W. Kerr, J. M. Daffron.

Temperance—J. D. Ray, T. S. Wilkins, W. T. Walker.

Education—J. T. McShan, H. C. Johnson, J. S. Adams.

Bible and Colportage—Elder J. B. Small, A. I. Brown, T. P. Chapman.

Preparatory School—Dr. D. O. Baird, W. G. Robertson, John Sherrod.

Aged and Infirm Ministers—I. C. Teer, J. P. Barnett, W. W. Maughan.

Orphans' Home—Rev J. G. Thornton, J. H. Stinson, E. Easterling.

Order of Business—U. E. Allen, M. G. Lofton, J. P. Lee.

The report on Nominations was read, and, on motion, adopted.

#### REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

The next Introductory Sermon by Elder H. B. Chappelle, alternate Elder G. W. Kerr; the Missionary Sermon by Elder D. O. Baird, alternate Elder J. A. Estes; Sermon on Baptism—the mode and design—by Elder M. G. Lofton.

The next session of the Association to be held with the church at Kennedy, Lamar county, beginning on Tuesday before the first Sabbath in September, 1896, and continue three days.

Fraternally submitted,

W. G. ROBERTSON, Chairman.

## REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

Bethlehem .....	\$ 10 00	Liberty.....	\$ 10 00
Mt. Pleasant.....	10 00	Millport.....	8 00
Fellowship .....	10 00	S Hill, L. Co.....	12 50
Kennedy.....	20 00	New Salem ....	5 00
Pleasant Grove.....	4 00	McBee .....	4 00
Arbor Springs.....	15 00	Mineral Springs.....	12 00
Oak Ridge.....	7 00	S. Hill, P. Co .....	16 00
Hebron .....	10 00	Big Creek.....	18 00
Cross Roads.....	6 50	Pickensville .....	34 00
Carrollton.....	54 00	Ebenezer .....	8 00
Unity.....	14 00	Eoon.....	23 00
Mt. Zion .....	10 00	Prairie.....	20 50
Forest .....	20 50	Shiloh.....	10 00
Chalcedony .....	5 00	Baulah .....	41 50
Bethel.....	56 00	New Hope.....	20 00
Zion.....	2 50	Grant's Creek.....	54 00

\$ 551 50

DUKE O. BAIRD.

## REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Under the resolution of the Association at the session of 1894, the Committee employed Eld. J. B. Small as evangelist and colporter, in co-operation with our State Board, for such time as he could devote to the work at a salary of \$40.00 per month of 25 days actual service. He entered upon the work about the 1st of April, 1895, and has discharged his duties to the satisfaction of the Committee. His report is hereto appended, to which special reference is made.

We should thank the Lord for what has been done, and with renewed zeal push the good work.

Let us earnestly pray and labor for the prosperity of our beloved Zion, and for the unity of the Spirit among our churches.

The evangelist performed 3 months and 14 days service, for which he is entitled to the sum of \$142.40, and we recommend that the same be paid out of any funds not otherwise appropriated.

The account of the Secretary is attached under Exhibit "B," showing a summary of funds which have come into his hands.

The amounts for the various causes have been consolidated with the report of the Finance Committee.

Fraternally submitted,

M. L. STANSEL, Ch'mn.

W. G. ROBERTSON, Sec'y.

W. G. Robertson made report as Secretary and Treasurer of the Executive Board, and in connection therewith Rev. J. B. Small, Missionary Colporter, tendered his report, and, on motion, both were adopted.

## FINANCE REPORT.

(Exhibit A, Executive Committee Report.)

WM. G. ROBERTSON, Secretary, etc., In account with UNION ASSOCIATION. 1894.

Oct. 20	To cash from M. B. Curry, former secretary.....	\$ 141 93
" "	" " Received for General Fund.....	63 14
" "	" " " State Missions.....	46 23
" "	" " " Foreign " .....	13 60
" "	" " " Home " .....	8 15
" "	" " " Ministerial Education.....	7 65
" "	" " " Orphanage.....	21 85
" "	" " " Discount on exchange.....	1 50

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Oct. 4.	" " from M. G. Lofton, clerk.....	62 21	\$ 366 26
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By paid State Missions, J. B. Small, Evangelist,	131	95
" " " " for W. B. Crumpton.....	89	87
" " Foreign " .....	42	39
" " Home " .....	32	79
" " Ministerial Education.....	27	83
" " Orphanage.....	30	97
" " Bible and Colportage .....	5	50
" " Expenses—postage, stationery, blanks, etc.....	3	28
		364 58
To balance due Association .....		1 68

W. G. ROBERTSON, Secretary and Treasurer.

## REPORT OF MISSIONARY COLPORTER.

(Exhibit B.)

Having completed my labors as your missionary colporter in accordance with the terms of your board, I herewith submit my report of the work, viz: I have visited all the churches in the Association except two or three, and have bestowed such labors as I thought would be most helpful. I have performed 3 months and 14 days service; in doing this I have traveled 806 miles, sold 160 copies of Bibles, Testaments and other religious books; visited 324 families, made 102 prayers, 48 mission talks, organized 2 Sunday Schools, 2 aid societies, procured 7 renewals and new subscribers to the Alabama Baptist. I have done some effective work assisting pastors at weak points. There have been at least 40 or 50 converted directly under my preaching or from effects of the same. I have given 2 of our church houses thorough repairs and paint, costing about \$400 00, and have collected for missions and other benevolent claims about \$115 00. I find that several churches have made earnest effort, and will raise their apportionment, while others have done very little, substituting the cry of "hard times," in place of a discharge of duty. I find in almost all parts of the Association fine material, if properly cultivated, could soon be made strong and self-sustaining and aid materially in mission work. While there is still indifference and lack of zeal on the part of some, yet we feel that we have cause to rejoice, and thank God for the good work already done. I have been received in a Christian spirit, except in a few places, on the work, and have had the hearty co-operation of the brethren and sisters for the most part. I take occasion to return my sincere thanks to the Executive Board for their courtesy and brotherly affection, and to many others for expressions of encouragement. Under the blessings of my Master, I have done the best I could for the advancement of His cause in the Union Association.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. SMALL.

## REPORT ON BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

Your committee beg leave to report the following: We believe that this is one of the most important parts of our Christian work now before the Association. We believe the Bible should be in every home, and that our Baptist literature should be distributed throughout the whole country. This is the great need of the day. The people must be educated in the Bible doctrine, then will come the spirit of union and the bond of peace.

J. S. McSHAN, Ch'm.

## REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sabbath Schools report, that we find 22 churches reporting schools. And this, your committee believes, clearly demonstrates the fact that the churches recognize the importance and utility of the Sabbath School cause. Yet is it not lamentably true that many Baptist parents do not believe the Scripture injunction, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart therefrom?"

Heaven and earth will both fail before that Scripture proves false. Then who is responsible for the lawlessness so prevalent among the youths of the land? Christian parents, in God's name, we beseech you to look with more scrutiny to the environments of your children. When we as parents do this, we will hear no more of perjury, and the youths of the land will, if necessary, "Swear to their own hurt."

H. B. CHAPPELLE, Ch'mn.

#### CLERK'S ACCOUNT.

M. G. LOFTON, In account with Union Association:

DR.	
To cash rec'd from Finance Committee.....	\$ 113 36
Oak Ridge \$1.50, Shiloh \$1.10, Pleasant Grove \$2 50.	5 10
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	\$ 118 46

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By cash paid Secretary and Treasurer of Ex. Board .....	\$ 61 56
printing and distributing minutes.....	27 50
stationery and postage.....	64
blanks for church letters.....	70
printing program.....	1 50
Clerk for services.....	16 15
Balance.....	10 41—\$ 118 46

On motion, the following brethren were appointed members of the Executive Committee: J. C. B. Johnson, J. T. McShan, M. L. Stansel and J. M. Smith, and W. G. Robertson was chosen Secretary and Treasurer.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion, the Executive Board was instructed to employ Brother G. W. Kerr as missionary colporter as soon as he closes his connection with Howard College for the year.

On motion, the clerk was ordered to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes, pay the respective funds to the proper Boards, receive the associational fund for his services and turn over the remainder to the Orphans' Home.

On motion of M. B. Curry, a committee was appointed to report at the next session of this body on the duties of the Executive Committee.

On motion, accorded to Rev. J. G. Thornton the privileges of the floor, and a collection was taken to assist Rev. W. L. White at the Seminary.

On motion of Dr. D. O. Baird, a resolution of thanks was unanimously adopted by rising vote.

On motion, adjourned to meet with the church at Kennedy on Tuesday before the first Lord's Day in September, 1896.

During the singing of the closing hymn, the parting hand was given; after which Elder J. P. Lee led the closing prayer.

(NOTE—The program made no provision for the calling of the roll, and in the hurry of adjournment it was overlooked. I have done the best I could under the circumstances, and if there are any mistakes I trust the brethren will overlook them.—CLERK.)

CHURCHES.	MISSIONS.		HOME MISS'S.		FOR N MISS'S.		STATE MISS'S.		MINIS'L EDUC. ORPH'S HOME.		Minutes—Cash.		Associational Purpse—Cash.	Total Contributions.	
	Voucher ..	Cash.....	Voucher ..	Cash.....	Voucher ..	Cash.....	Voucher ..	Cash.....	Voucher ..	Cash.....					
Bethlehem .....	\$ 2 80				\$ 1 55	\$ 1 90					1 50	95	4 35		
Mount Pleasant.....	1 10	\$ 3 30			1 50						1 40	50	7 25		
Fellowship .....					1 00	1 00					2 25	50	7 40		
Spring Hill (L).....											1 25	50	4 75		
Millport .....	1 00		\$ 4 00								1 50		6 75		
Kennedy .....		8 70			2 50	1 15					75		11 35		
New Salem .....		2 50				1 00					50		6 75		
Pleasant Grove .....					50	2 00					75	50	2 50		
Hickory Grove .....											1 50		2 75		
Arbor Spring.....			3 00		1 40						1 00	60	5 90		
Mineral Spring.....	10 77				1 30	4 45					1 00	50	18 12		
Oak Ridge.....											1 00	1 00	1 50		
Spring Hill (P.).....						70					1 25	1 00	2 70		
Hebron.....	\$ 5 25										2 00	1 00	7 50		
Big Creek .....	5 00										1 00	50	10 50		
Cross Roads .....			55								1 00	50	2 05		
Pickensville .....	4 17	3 22	1 71		10 90						1 00	50	21 50		
Carrollton .....			5 29		16 55			\$ 7 00			1 50	50	59 68		
Ebenezer.....					1 05						1 00	50	2 55		
Unity.....	2 77	30	2 26		1 76						1 00	50	10 34		
Enon.....	1 15	2 00	1 35		85	50					1 00	1 00	9 35		
Mount Zion.....	2 50	8 50									1 00	50	12 50		
Prairie .....	4 11	1 00	1 01								1 15	30	13 05		
Forest .....											2 50	50	10 20		
Shiloh .....	2 51										1 10		3 61		
Bethel.....	11 05		8 45		10 40			4 83			1 50	75	53 83		
Beulah .....	5 55		1 50		5 60						2 00	1 00	23 65		
New Hope.....	5 70		3 15		5 15			2 70			1 50	50	22 10		
Zion .....	1 30										50		1 80		
Grant's Creek .....	4 75		12 27			7 07		7 75			2 00	1 00	56 34		
Flat Woods .....											50		50		
Chalcedony .....											2 00	50	2 50		
Associational Collection.....		10 42											16 20		
AGGREGATE.....	\$58 46	\$38 16	\$49 08	50	\$56 43	\$ 7 90	\$81 27	\$ 5 00	50	\$23 68	\$ 1 18	\$35 38	\$ 7 35	\$40 90	\$ 421 89

M. B. CURRY, Chairman.

# STATISTICS OF THE UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1895.

CHURCHES.	INCREASE BY										DECREASE BY		CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.									
	No. last Reported.	Baptism		Letter		Restoration		Exclusion		Death		Present Membership	Minutes	Association	Total	Meetings	PASTORS.					
		Letter	Restoration	Exclusion	Death	Letter	Restoration	Exclusion	Death													
Bethlehem.....	37	32	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	72	\$ 1 50	..	\$ 1 50	1	G. W. Kerr.....	T. B. Branch.....	Coalfire, Ala.				
Liberty.....	48	4	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	104	..	..	1 90	3	I. A. Estes.....	S. P. Sloan.....	Reform, " "				
Mt. Pleasant.....	56	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	55	1 40	50	1 90	3	E. Hodge.....	W. W. Hall.....	Gordo, " "				
Fellowship.....	173	18	2	30	2	..	..	..	..	..	58	1 00	50	1 50	3	D. O. Baird.....	R. F. Johnson.....	Reform, " "				
Spring Hill, Lamar.....	27	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	159	2 25	50	2 75	2	J. A. Estes.....	G. B. Coleman.....	Gentry, " "				
Millport.....	57	5	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	1 25	50	1 75	1	D. O. Baird.....	G. S. Keenum.....	Millport, " "				
Kennedy.....	29	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	63	1 50	..	1 50	1	O. O. Baird.....	W. H. Smothers.....	Kennedy, " "				
New Salem.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29	75	..	75	4	O. O. Baird.....	J. M. Pratt.....	Reform, " "				
Pleasant Grove.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50	..	50	..	..	A. P. Hobbit.....	D. S. Holcomb.....	Millport, " "			
McBee Creek.....	112	13	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	28	..	..	..	..	..	T. J. McCrary.....	P. Holcomb.....	McBee, " "			
Arbor Spring.....	68	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	125	1 50	60	1 50	2	D. O. Baird.....	T. J. McCrary.....	Palmetto, " "				
Mineral Spring.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	69	1 00	50	1 50	1	J. B. Small.....	J. W. Cox.....	Providence, " "				
Oak Ridge.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	1 00	50	1 50	2	J. P. Lee.....	H. L. Williams.....	Dunbar, Miss.				
Spring Hill, Pickens.....	37	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32	1 00	1 00	2 00	4	J. P. Lee.....	J. L. Harper.....	Archert, Ala.				
Hebron.....	56	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	45	1 25	1 00	2 25	3	M. G. Lofton.....	J. A. Pearson.....	Carrollton, " "				
Big Creek.....	84	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29	2 00	1 00	3 00	2	M. G. Lofton.....	H. B. Chappell, Jr.....	Dillburgh, " "				
Cross Roads.....	43	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	41	1 00	50	1 50	1	J. P. Lee.....	J. S. Adams.....	Carrollton, " "				
Hickory Grove.....	11	11	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	34	75	50	1 25	3	O. E. Wooten.....	J. A. Stimpson.....	Stafford, " "				
Pickensville.....	43	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	45	50	1 00	1 50	2	J. B. Small.....	W. C. Long.....	Pickensville, " "				
Carrollton.....	54	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	56	1 25	75	2 00	4	J. B. Small.....	M. B. Curry.....	Carrollton, " "				
Ebenzer.....	57	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	55	1 00	50	1 50	2	S. E. Hodge.....	T. H. Noland.....	Carrollton, " "				
Unity.....	73	6	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	79	1 00	50	1 50	1	M. G. Lofton.....	W. W. Maughan.....	Olney, " "				
Enon.....	52	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	60	1 00	1 00	2 00	4	M. G. Lofton.....	T. H. Sanders.....	Garden, " "				
Mt. Zion.....	42	7	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	38	1 00	50	1 50	3	J. G. Thornton.....	John A. Craft.....	Bethany, " "				
Prairie.....	68	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	68	1 15	30	1 45	2	J. D. Cook.....	C. E. Upchurch.....	West Green, " "				
Forest.....	86	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	85	2 50	50	3 00	4	J. D. Cook.....	W. C. McCracken.....	Benevola, " "				
Shiloh.....	63	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	56	1 10	..	1 10	2	J. D. Hanner.....	J. D. Marquis.....	Boon, " "				
Chalcedony.....	97	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	97	2 00	50	2 50	1	S. E. Hodge.....	J. W. Park.....	Hickman's, " "				
Bethel.....	232	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	240	75	2 25	4	J. H. Curry.....	E. W. Hendrixson.....	Knoxville, " "				
Beulah.....	180	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	165	2 00	3 00	4	J. D. Cook.....	J. R. Partrich.....	Romulus, " "				
New Hope.....	72	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	71	1 50	50	2 00	4	J. T. Bealle.....	T. W. Malone.....	Raleigh, " "				
Zion.....	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	25	25	50	2	J. L. Ray.....	R. H. Foster.....	Sylvan, " "				
Grant's Creek.....	112	8	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	119	2 00	1 00	3 00	2	J. H. Curry.....	..	..				
TOTAL.....	2083	140	50	2	5	97	28	16	2291	\$39 40	\$16 15	\$55 55	..	..	..	..	..	..	..			

# SYNOPSIS OF THE PROCEEDINGS

— OF THE —

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

— OF THE —

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

— OF THE —

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

Held with Unity Church, July 26th, 27th and 28th, 1895.

Elder J. B. Small preached the Convention sermon.

The Convention organized by electing Elder J. B. Small, president, and W. C. Mays, secretary and treasurer

The queries chosen for discussion elicited quite lively debates.

The Convention was clearly of the opinion that, where there is a church, or prayer meeting, or family altar, the Sunday School exercises have a good effect upon each.

The President appointed committees as follows:

On Nominations—C. E. Williams, R. A. Brandon and E. Easterling.  
Queries and Essays—H. G. Mitchell, S. S. Thornton and M. G. Lofton.  
Finance—A. L. Hildreth, Thos. Craft and H. T. Beatty.  
Documents—J. G. Thornton, W. P. Peden and W. W. Maughan.

The report on Temperance, by which it was shown that the Bible teaches that we should be temperate in all things, yet since it condemns drunkenness and shuts the drunkard out of heaven, and since the first drink almost inevitably leads to drunkenness, therefore the Bible does not license any one to imbibe intoxicants as a beverage, was adopted.

As shown by a rising vote, the entire audience was with the Convention in their decision that a Baptist cannot, consistently, aid any one in securing a license to sell whisky.

The appointees being absent, the subjects for essays, as well as query No. 2 were passed over without discussion.

The brethren thought that when a church member, from choice, habitually absents himself from his church conference he should not be a delegate.

The committee on Nominations reported that the next session of the Convention would be held with Grant's Creek church, Tuscaloosa county, beginning on Friday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1896, at 11 o'clock a. m. Convention sermon by Elder J.

D. Cook, Elder J. D. Hamner, alternate. Missionary sermon by Elder J. H. Curry; M. G. Lofton, alternate.

The report on queries and essays was as follows :

Query No. 1. "What is the best plan to induce both parents and children to take an interest in Sunday School work?" N. G. Holly, J. P. Barnett.

Query No. 2 "What is the direct meaning of the Scripture which says, 'He was teaching in the synagogue on the Sabbath?'" J. W. Park, W. G. Robertson.

Essay, "Practical Godliness;" Miss Florence Foster.

"The importance of a model or evergreen Sunday School in every Baptist church." S. S. Thornton, J. H. Stinson.

The report on Documents shows that there is a decrease in the number of schools and pupils since last meeting, but more efficient work in those reported.

The report on Finance shows amounts sent up for all purposes \$7.36.

#### THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount on hand beginning of the Conventional year.....	\$27.51
By amount expended.....	7.12
Balance in Treasury.....	20.39 —27.51

On Sunday morning the mass-meeting was addressed by Bro. M. B. Curry. A hearty resolution of thanks was adopted.

On motion it was ordered by the Convention that the Sunday collection and half the amount in the treasury be donated to Rev. W. L. White, if he returns to the Seminary at Louisville.

Rev. J. L. Ray preached the missionary sermon, after which a collection was taken, amounting to \$5 53.

# STATISTICS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION, 1895.

SCHOOLS.	TEACH'RS.		PUPILS.		CONTRIBUTIONS.				SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST-OFFICES.	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total	Missions.					S. S. Work
						Incidental	Expenses				
Sylvan.....	2	3	19	20	42	\$ 8 00	\$ 5 25	\$ 1 00	R. H. Foster.....	Sylvan.....	Alabama
Carrollton.....	1	3	29	23	57		15 00		W. G. Robertson.....	Carrollton.....	
Shiloh.....	2	2	23	27	53				Jos. McCracken.....	Boon.....	
Grant's Creek..	2	1	14	8	26	3 00	5 21	45	H. G. Mitchell.....	Fosters.....	
Prairie.....	1	2	17	21	41				W. C. Mayes.....	West Green.....	
Hebron.....	1	3	31	22	45		25		B. E. Whitaker.....	Carrollton.....	
Pickensville.....	2	3	31	23	59		2 00		J. J. Ball.....	Pickensville.....	
Ramah.....	1	3	15	24	43		50		W. W. Mangham.....	Olney.....	
Mount Zion.....	2	1	19	20	42	3 60			Thos. Locke.....	Bethany.....	
Garden.....	1	2	14	17	34				Mrs. J. D. Stapp.....	Garden.....	
Spring Hill, Lamar.....	1	2	17	30	50				G. B. Coleman.....	Gentry.....	
Ebenezer.....	3	2	14	19	36		5 00		C. W. Free.....	Carrollton.....	
Benlah.....	2	3	50	37	92				S. S. Thornton.....	Union.....	
Olney.....	1	2	15	18	36				W. W. Peden.....	Olney.....	
New Hope.....	1	2	10	12	25				J. R. Parrish.....	Romulus.....	
Millport.....	2	2	32	28	64				J. M. Daffron.....	Millport.....	
Zion.....	1	1	9	11	22				John Jordan.....	Raleigh.....	
Hickory Grove.....	1	1	10	15	27				J. H. Stimpson.....	Henry's.....	
Liberty.....									P. L. Crocker.....	Reform.....	
Fellowship.....									Benjamin Pearson.....	Reform.....	
New Salem.....									Elder W. A. Estes.....	Palmetto.....	
†Forest.....									W. H. Teer.....	Benévola.....	
*Bethel.....									J. W. Phillips.....	Knoxville.....	
*Mineral Spring.....									J. W. Cox.....	Beards.....	
Kennedy.....									W. H. Smathers.....	Kennedy.....	
Spring Hill, Pickens.....									C. D. Harper.....	Archer.....	
*Chaledony.....									Robert Patterson.....	Romulus.....	
†Arbor Spring.....									W. T. Walker.....	Kennedy.....	
†Big Creek.....									T. H. Haynie.....	Carrollton.....	
*Cross Roads.....									John Herit ge.....	Archer.....	
*McBee.....									John W. Simpson.....	McBee.....	
†Reform.....									Robert P arson.....	Reform.....	

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